



Autism Society of the Bluegrass

Annual Workshop

***Supports for the Newly Diagnosed:
Early Childhood and Elementary Years***

Cardinal Hill Hospital Auditorium

April 16, 2016

Registration: 8:30

Workshop: 9:00AM-4:00PM



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Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital Conference Center

AM

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Welcome:
Sara Spragens, President
- 9:10 Introduction Keynote Speaker – Mel Tyner-Wilson
Dr. Larrow – The Early Years: Executive function, Medications, and Meltdowns
- 10:00 Speech Therapy: Introduction - Sherri Brothers
Amanda Chastain – Speech Pathologist
- 10:50 Break
- 11:00 Occupational Therapy: Introduction - Hazel Forsythe
Nicole Sheffield, MS, OTR/L
Chelsea Kraska, MS, OTR/L
- 12:00 Lunch: Q & A Talking About Supports and Waivers – Michele P., SCL
Carla Barrowman, Tonya Wells (DAIL), Leslie Hoffman (Medicaid), Mel Tyner-Wilson (ASBG, UK Pediatrics)



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PM

- 1:00 Music Therapy: Introduction- David Lane
Dale Lewis, MT-BC, NMT-Music Therapist,
Music Therapy of the Bluegrass, LLC.
- 1:40 Hands-on Visual Supports – Introduction – Sherri Brothers
Abby Love, BSc. Deaf Education, elementary special Education
- 2:00 Applied Behavior Management – Introduction – Sara Spragens
Amanda Ralston, M.Ed. BCaBA. LABA
Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst
- 3:00 Supports for children with Special Needs – Introduction- Hazel Forsythe
Meredith Evans, MS. RDN. LDN. Commission for Children with Special Health
Care Needs

Biographical Information

Daniel Larrow, MD

Dr. Larrow is an Assistant Professor at the University of Kentucky, College of Medicine in Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics. Dr. Larrow earned an MD from the University Of Vermont College Of Medicine in Burlington, Vermont and completed a Med/Ped residency at the Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics in Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics and shows his dedication to children with the FAAP designation. Dr. Larrow practiced privately in Vermont for 26 years. He has been at the University of Kentucky since 2013 and is now the Chief of the newly developed Division of Developmental/Behavioral Pediatrics. His expertise includes diagnosis, treatment and management of Neurodevelopmental disorders including: Intellectual Disability (Intellectual Developmental Disorder); Communication Disorders; Autism Spectrum Disorder; Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder; Specific Learning Disorder; and Motor Disorders.

Amanda Moore Chastain, MA, CCC-SLP, COM

Amanda is a licensed and certified speech language pathologist and feeding specialist. She also has specialty training in orofacial myofunctional disorders and is currently the only certified orofacial myologists in the state of Kentucky. She is Hanen certified in *It Takes Two to Talk*, an evidence based intervention for children with autism. A passion for developing play skills and feeding skills for the early intervention population has guided her practice and ongoing learning in these areas. Amanda is the owner and director of The Speech Network that houses The Pediatric Feeding Clinic and The Orofacial Myology Clinic in Lexington KY. She is also a part of the therapy team at The Child Development Center of the Bluegrass at the University of Kentucky.

Nicole Sheffield, MS, OTR/L

Nicole received her Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from Eastern Kentucky University. She completed her internships in a pediatric home health and outpatient setting. Nicole currently works as a full time occupational therapist at the Child Development Center of the Bluegrass, a unique setting consisting of an outpatient facility and integrative classrooms. She is trained in many intervention techniques including the MNRI-Neuro-Sensory-Motor and Reflex Integration and SOS Feeding Approach. She is experienced in working with children with sensory processing, self-regulation, motor development and feeding difficulties. She is passionate about her profession and enjoys teaching others about the value of occupational therapy services.

Chelsea Kraska, MS, OTR/L

Chelsea received her Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from Eastern Kentucky University. She currently works as a pediatric therapist at Kraska & Associates, Inc., as well as a contract therapist for Fayette County Public Schools. Through her work in a sensory and play based practice along with the school systems, Chelsea has experience working with children dyspraxia, fine and gross motor development, limited play skills, sensory processing disorder, autism and social-emotional and self-regulation difficulties. While in graduate school, Chelsea was the facilitator in several Autism social groups and has taught swim lessons to children with special needs for many years. She strongly believes in the value of occupational therapy and the education provided to parents and family.

Dale Lewis, MT-BC, NMT-Music Therapist

Dale is a Board Certified Music Therapist, with an additional certification in neurologic Music Therapy. He resides in Lexington, KY, and provides Music Therapy services through his private practice, Music Therapy of the Bluegrass, LLC, as well as part time services to Hospice of the Bluegrass. Through his private practice, he contracts as a related service to Fayette Co. Public Schools for special needs children. Additionally, he provides private contracted services for special needs children and adults. He comes from a wide background of professional music/training which includes teaching music for 3 separate public school systems in Rhode Island, Ohio, and Kentucky. He received his B.S. in Music from Mid-America Christian College, Oklahoma City, OK (1985), and an equivalency degree in Music Therapy from the University of Louisville, (2006).

Abigail Love, Bachelor's Degree in Deaf Education, Elementary Education, and Special Education

Abbey Love graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a Bachelor's degree in Deaf Education, Elementary Education, and Special Education. Since graduation, she has worked in Australia as a Special Education teacher, specializing in teaching students with challenging behaviors and Autism Spectrum Disorder. Currently, she is completing graduate school at the University of Kentucky with the goal of improving teacher practice of disability populations. At UK, she is a member of the P20 Motivation and Learning Lab and has been an instructor of record training preservice elementary teachers in best practices. She also works as a respite provider, consultant, and caregiver for families with children with ASD in the Lexington community.

Carla Barrowman Clevenger provides Case Management Services to Supports for Community Living and Michelle P. Waiver Recipients and Their Families

Carla Barrowman Clevenger has worked in multiple capacities and with various organizations that serve persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She is known throughout the industry as a creative thinker who uses her experience and knowledge to help create meaningful lives for the people she serves. Over the years, she has served as a Facilitator for Personal Futures Planning teams, President of The Arc of Central Kentucky, and consultant for various organizations and agencies that serve people with various intellectual and developmental disabilities. She started her own independent case management company in 2003. Carla's company, "Barrowman Case Management" provides case management services to Supports for Community Living and Michelle P. waiver recipients and their families. Her passion is advocating for those who cannot advocate for themselves and teaching others how to achieve inclusion within their communities.

Amanda Ralston, M.Ed. BCaBA. LABA. Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst

In the past sixteen years Ms. Ralston has worked with hundreds of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other developmental disabilities, as well as providing education to countless parents and professionals interested in Applied Behavior Analysis and Verbal Behavior methodologies in Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio. Ms. Ralston is the founder and President of Verbal Behavior Consulting, Inc., which provides early intervention, focused and comprehensive treatment, Behavior Supports Services via the Michelle P. Waiver in Kentucky, consultation, functional assessments, behavioral language assessments, IEP review and developments, and program development and supervision to multiple school districts throughout the state in addition to working in the homes of families of children with autism

Meredith Evans, Ms. RDN. LDN. Nutrition CCSHCN

Meredith Evans is a Clinical Dietitian with the Kentucky Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs. Mrs. Evans graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor's of Science in Dietetics. She continued her education at Eastern Kentucky University where she earned her Masters of Science in Community Nutrition. Mrs. Evans also earned a Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders from Utah State University. She has worked in long term care facilities, hospice agencies and the school system. For the past seven years, she has worked with the commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs children who have specialized needs which include Cleft Lip and Palate, Cerebral Palsy, and Neurological Disorders such as autism. Meredith manages the CCSHCN Clinic and helps families seek resources and understand their Children's needs. She provides nutrition consultation to children with Autism in the CCSHCN western clinics.